

IN THE MATTER OF

**RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
FORMAL AND INFORMAL PROBATE
PROCEEDINGS**

ORDER

Order No:

04-SO02 (3)
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OZAUKEE COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, in conjunction with the Chief Judges of the Judicial Districts in the State of Wisconsin have established a benchmark of twelve (12) months for completing the handling of informal and formal estate proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Registers in Probate/Probate Registrars of the Third Judicial Administrative District have voted to adopt this benchmark; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the handling and completion of these estates within the twelve (12) month timeframe, the Registers in Probate/Probate Registrars of the Third Judicial Administrative District have voted to require the filing of a Final Account in these estates; and

WHEREAS, the Registers in Probate/Probate Registrars of the Third Judicial Administrative District have voted to require the filing of a Closing Certificate for Fiduciaries in these estates; and

WHEREAS, the Registers in Probate/Probate Registrars of the Third Judicial Administrative District have voted to require all Estate Receipts filed in these estates to specifically describe asset(s) distributed to each heir/beneficiary.

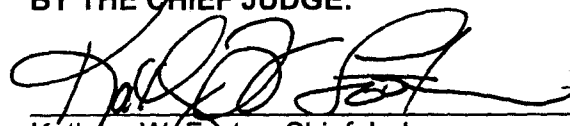
NOW, THEREFORE, effective July 1, 2004, the following policies and procedures shall be implemented for all informal and formal probate proceedings filed in the Third Judicial Administrative District:

1. All proceedings shall be completed within twelve (12) months;
2. A Final Account shall be filed in all proceedings;
3. A Closing Certificate shall be filed in all proceedings;
4. Estate Receipts shall contain a specific description of each asset distributed to each heir/beneficiary.

The adoption of these policies and procedures shall not prohibit a personal representative from filing a petition under formal administration for waiver of any of these policies and procedures for good cause shown to the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this __23rd__ day of June, 2004.

BY THE CHIEF JUDGE:



Kathryn W. Foster, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Administrative District